



River Valley Elementary
and
Early Learning Center



On May 16, 2024, River Valley Elementary conducted a lockdown safety drill. Teachers and students were notified in advance, with extra consideration for students that may have some anxieties about this kind of drill. The drill was initiated at 11:05 am with the following announcement "Your attention please. This is a drill. We are in lockdown. Teachers, lock your doors and keep students in your room until further notice. Students or staff should go into the nearest classroom or office. Ignore all alarms and bells unless advised otherwise." The drill was concluded 4 minutes 48 seconds later at 11:10 am with an "All clear" announcement.

Students are trained to follow the teacher's directions. They moved to the safe area in the classroom. Teachers locked doors, covered inside windows, took attendance, and spoke quietly with their students in order to help the children remain calm. During the drill, all doors were checked. All classrooms were found to be locked and pinned. In the fall drill we discovered that the adjoining door between two fourth grade rooms does not have a lock or pin, this has not yet been remedied.

There were 226 students and 41 adults present for this drill including Mr. Jaime Hegland, district safety coordinator.

Successful highlights:

Staff and students responded well. We had a number of subs in the building, all responded well and had directions from staff ahead of time.

Continued area of weakness:

The adjustments in the fourth grade rooms with the drilling of added holes and pins to secure the door between the two classrooms still need to be made. It is difficult to secure the inside area of the building based on the floor plan. We have shifted to moving students and staff quickly to the smaller areas that we can secure more quickly. This is a work in progress.

Certifications

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on June 13, 2024 during our regular meeting. Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on May 16, 2024 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on June 13, 2024.

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